

tremendous sense of pride that in the future the departure desk for space will be in my home district.

On September 26th, the ETC family will gather to celebrate its past success and prepare for a future of remarkable achievement. Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the entire ETC team on their past and continued success and I look forward to representing them in our nation's Capitol for years to come.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NATALIE GAUSE FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Natalie Gause showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and Whereas, Natalie Gause was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Natalie Gause always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Natalie Gause on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH A. WASSERMAN

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mr. Joseph A. Wasserman of southwest Michigan. After nearly four decades in health administration, Mr. Wasserman will be retiring as the president and CEO of Lakeland HealthCare.

A man of the Midwest, Joseph was born in Lima, Ohio. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Toledo and his master's in health administration from the University of Michigan. Joseph was named the president and CEO of Lakeland HealthCare in 1984 and has served in his position with distinction and honor.

Throughout his career as president and CEO, Joseph Wasserman has played a vital role in the success of Lakeland HealthCare. He managed the merger of four hospitals in the system, including the consolidation of the organizational structure to enhance the quality and value of services for southwest Michigan residents. Joseph introduced key services and technology to provide a continuum of care in areas such as oncology, outpatient services, long-term care, and home care. He led the healthcare industry in the area of evidence-based design by creating spaces that promote healing. He also launched an innovative five-star service program to create a service-mind-

ed, patient-centered culture. These impressive achievements earned Joseph such honors as the 2009 Health Care Weekly Review Excellent Administrator of the Year Award and the 2008 MHA Meritorious Service Award, and earned Lakeland HealthCare the Gold Seal of Approval for Primary Stroke Centers from the Joint Commission and the 2008 VHA Leadership Award for Clinical Excellence.

Throughout his nearly four decades in healthcare administration, Joseph Wasserman's leadership skills, compassion, and commitment to outstanding service have made him an asset not only to Lakeland HealthCare, but to the entire State of Michigan. As Mr. Wasserman prepares for his retirement this September, he leaves a legacy that will benefit the community for generations to come.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LISA REIFENSCHNEIDER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Lisa Reifenschneider showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Lisa Reifenschneider was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Lisa Reifenschneider always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Lisa Reifenschneider on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING MAYOR JOSEPH DIGIROLAMO

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo as a 2009 recipient of the Bensalem Outreach Center Community Service Award.

Serving his community of Bensalem as its Mayor for nearly fifteen years, Joe DiGirolamo embodies what it means to be a public servant. Since being elected as Mayor in 1994, he has brought countless community improvements to Bensalem, including new state-of-the-art parks, transportation system upgrades, reduced real estate taxes, and infrastructure improvements.

Mr. DiGirolamo has also helped to ensure a brighter future for his community's youth through his efforts with programs like "Kids at Work" and by founding the Joseph DiGirolamo Scholarship Foundation.

As a former farmer, he understands the importance of responsible land management and

respect for the environment. He has demonstrated this by maintaining a policy of preserving open space and the natural beauty of Bensalem.

Mr. DiGirolamo is also a family man in every sense of the word. He has been married to his wife Mary for 53 years, and is the proud grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of three.

It's been an honor to work with the Mayor over the past three years, but an even greater honor to be able to call him a friend.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo for his outstanding commitment to public service, his community, and his country. I am honored to serve as his Congressman.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NICKI CREGAN FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Nicki Cregan showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Nicki Cregan was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Nicki Cregan always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Nicki Cregan on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, on September 22, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to be present for the recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall #720, "yea" on rollcall #721, and "yea" on rollcall #722.

HONORING ALBERT A. GRENIER AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and dedication of a man who has been a pillar in his community for more than half a century. For the past 50 years, Albert A. Grenier has dedicated much of his personal time to the Baltic Fire Department and the residents of Baltic, Connecticut.